

HOUSE No. 2919

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to authorize the Department of Elder Affairs to regulate employment practices to provide for improving the safety and security of residents of assisted living facilities. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT IMPROVING SECURITY AT ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 19D of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following subsection:—

4 (e) Assisted living residences shall be equipped with surveil-
5 lance cameras and alarmed doors and any other security measures
6 determined by the department to ensure the safety of residents.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 354 of the acts of 1994 is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section:—

3 Section 11. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
4 contrary, the department of elder affairs is hereby authorized and
5 directed to promulgate regulations providing for the safety and
6 security of residents of assisted living facilities. Said regulations
7 shall include the installation of surveillance cameras and alarmed
8 doors at assisted living residences as well as any other security
9 measures deemed appropriate by the department to ensure the
10 safety of residents. The department shall promulgate said regula-
11 tions by January 1, 2006.